

CHAPTER NO. 805

HOUSE BILL NO. 3014

By Representative Ronnie Davis

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3087

By Senator Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, regarding the periodic subsequent permanency hearings for children in state custody.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, § 37-2-409 (b)(1) is amended by deleting the language in the first sentence between the phrase " The purpose of these permanency hearings shall be to determine the " and the phrase "and shall determine" and substituting the following language " permanency plan for the child that includes whether, and if applicable when, the child will be returned to the parent, placed for adoption and the State will file a petition for termination of parental rights, or referred for legal guardianship, or (in cases where the State agency has documented to the State court a compelling reason for determining that it would not be in the best interests of the child to return home, be referred for termination of parental rights, or be placed for adoption, with a fit and willing relative, or with a legal guardian) placed in another planned permanent living arrangement",

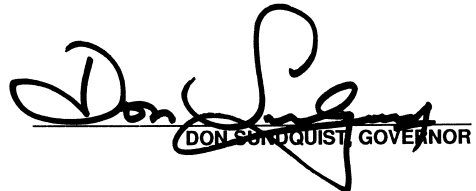
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 15, 2000


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of May 2000


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR